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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-7, 9, 15-16 are pending.

Claim 17 has been cancelled.

The rejection of the claims under 35 USC 112 written description still stands.

Applicants have amended the claims to a certain extent.

The claims still contain some groups that are not defined such as “Heteroaryl” See page 4 for the definition of R21, R22.

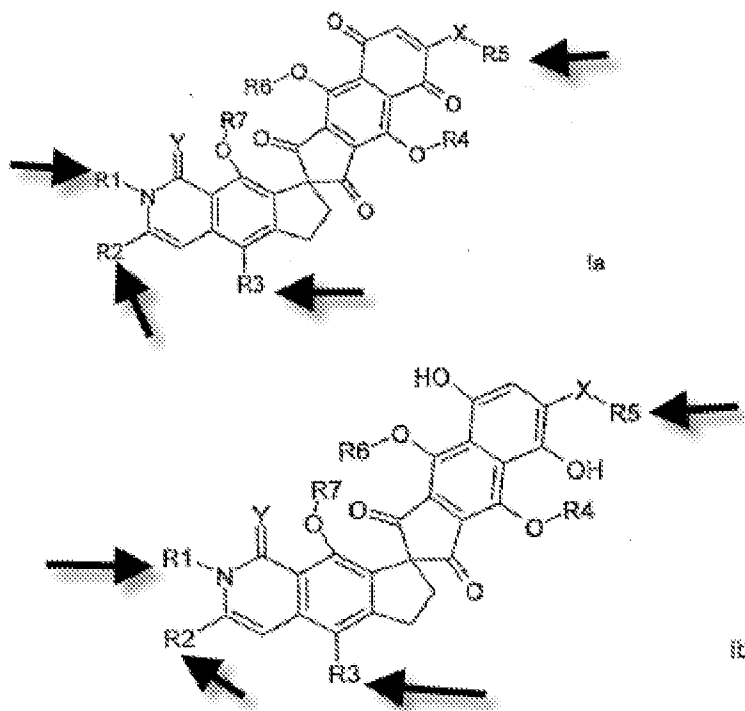
According to the specification and the claims there are 2 R2 and R3. These are at different positions on the core. One is on the core and the other is at the X-R5. So these discrepancies also does not give a clear and concise written description.

For the definition of heteroaryl on page 14 applicants define “ wherein the residues R11 and R12 independently can have the above indicated meaning.

The generic language with 7 preferred heterocyclo group, and few heteroaryls are given on page 14.

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Applicants claimed compounds are drawn to the formula

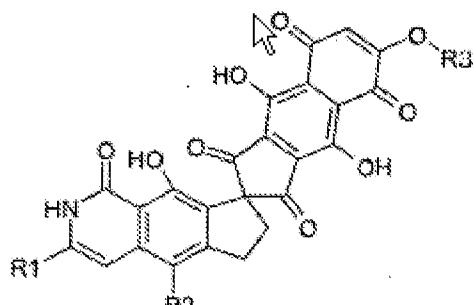
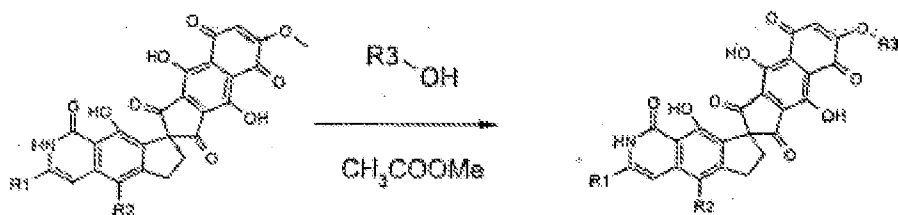
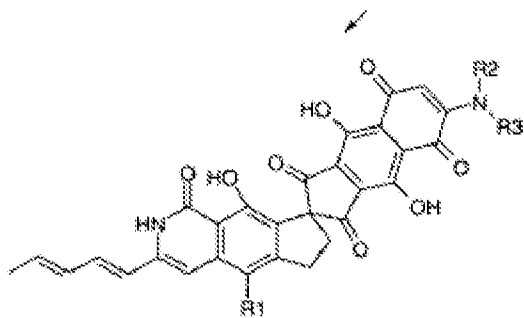


with specific R groups at different positions. Please note the location and the R's.

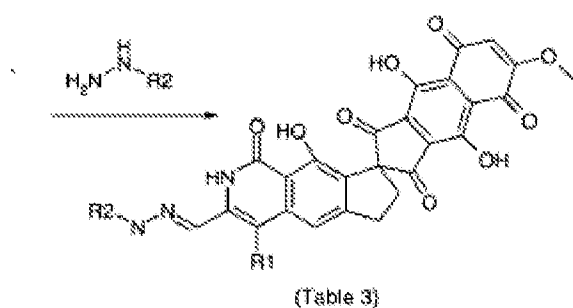
For the scheme 10 on page , it should be noted that the R1, R2, R3 substitutions are different.

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Table 4 has compounds with OR_3 for the X- R_5 .Table 5 on page 50, 53 indicates XR_5 group to be NR_2R_3 .So the positions of R_2 , R_3 and R_1 are all interchanged.In table 6 there is a group R which is not defined but just a few examples are given.On page 19 the R_1 and R_2 are again at different positions.

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Scheme 5 on page 21 has again R1 and R2 at different positions.

The rejection still stands.

The rejection of claims 1-7, 9 15 and 16 under 35 USC 112 1st para also still stands.

As explained above, few compounds have been made, but the R1, R2, R3 R5 definitions are not clear. None of the examples given in the specification correspond to the derivatives as claimed.

So it is not clear how the compounds are made.

The starting material for all these various groups are also an issue.

A key issue that can arise when determining whether the specification is enabling is whether the starting materials or apparatus necessary to make the invention are available. In the biotechnical area, this is often true when the product or process requires a particular strain of microorganism and when the microorganism is available only after extensive screening. The Court in *In re Ghiron*, 442 F.2d 985, 991, 169 USPQ 723, 727 (CCPA 1971), made clear that if the practice of a method requires a particular apparatus, the application must provide a sufficient disclosure of the apparatus if the apparatus is not readily available. The same can be said if certain chemicals are

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required to make a compound or practice a chemical process. In re Howarth, 654 F.2d 103, 105, 210 USPQ 689, 691 (CCPA 1981).

The R1 substituents are different in the different schemes, the location of these groups are also different. So it cannot be seen how to make these compounds.

Additionally it is not easy to make and synthesize compounds. See Dorwald.

As stated in the preface to a recent treatise:

"Most non-chemists would probably be horrified if they were to learn how many attempted syntheses fail, and how inefficient research chemists are. The ratio of successful to unsuccessful chemical experiments in a normal research laboratory is far below unity, and synthetic research chemists, in the same way as most scientists, spend most of their time working out what went wrong, and why. Despite the many pitfalls lurking in organic synthesis, most organic chemistry textbooks and research articles do give the impression that organic reactions just proceed smoothly and that the total synthesis of complex natural products, for instance, is maybe a labor-intensive but otherwise undemanding task. In fact, most syntheses of structurally complex natural products are the result of several years of hard work by a team of chemists, with almost every step requiring careful optimization. The final synthesis usually looks quite different from that originally planned, because of unexpected difficulties encountered in the initially chosen synthetic sequence. Only the seasoned practitioner who has experienced for himself the many failures and frustrations which the development (sometimes even the repetition) of a synthesis usually implies will be able to appraise such work Chemists tend not to publish negative results, because these are, as opposed to positive results, never definite (and far too copious)

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Side Reactions in Organic Synthesis, 2005, Wiley: VCH, Weinheim pg. IX of Preface.

(reference cited in response to the argument)

The applicants claim is drawn to treating tumors. In an effective amount.

Applicants have provided some IC70 data for 12 cell lines but only an average over all the cell lines is given.

Different cell lines will have different data. It does not make sense to average out the data for different activity.

So to extrapolate that averaged data to treat tumors is an exaggeration.

Genetech Inc Vs Nova Nordisk 42 USPQ 2d 1001.

“A patent is not a hunting license. It is not a reward for search but compensation for its successful conclusion and patent protection is granted in return for an enabling disclosure of an invention , not for vague intimations of general ideas that may or may not be workable.”

MPEP 2164.01(a) states, "A conclusion of lack of enablement means that,

based on the evidence regarding each of the above factors, the specification, at the time the application was filed, would not have taught one skilled in the art how to make and/or use the full scope of the claimed invention without undue experimentation. In re Wright, 999 F.2d 1557,1562, 27 USPQ2d 1510, 1513 (Fed. Cir. 1993)." That conclusion is clearly justified here. Thus, undue experimentation will be required to practice Applicants' invention.

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The rejection of the claims 1-7, 9, 15, 16 under 35 USC 103 over U.S. patents 4,584,377 (Yokoi et al.); 4,673,678 (Misra) and 5,166,208 (Kelly et al.). Duan et al., Delgado et al. and Okimoto et al. also still stands.

Applicants argue that the claims have been amended to delete the sugars, however the claims still have numerous generic definitions and glucose , fructose , other hetero groups , cyclodextrin all can be encompassed by it.

So in view of the broad definition of the groups the rejection has been maintained.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rita J. Desai whose telephone number is 571-272-0684. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, flex time..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet Andres can be reached on 571-272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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